

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM JUNE 26, 2009

A. **Call to Order**

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in Room 100, the "Louisiana Purchase Room," Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 11:05 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Aucoin
Mr. Andre Coudrain
Mr. Edward Crawford III
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. Gregory Hamer, Sr.

Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Steven Jackson
Mr. Jeff Jenkins
Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. D. Wayne Parker

ABSENT

Mr. Carl Shetler

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Randy Moffett, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorney Dianne Irvine, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Administering the Oath of Office to Mr. Steven Jackson, Student Board Member**

Mrs. Burkhalter recognized Mr. Steven Jackson and officially welcomed him to the Board. Dr. Kirkpatrick, System General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jackson. Chair Burkhalter informed Board members that she appointed Steven to serve on the Academic and Student Affairs, Athletic, Grievance, and Legislation Committees as well as the Special Committee on Access to Success.

Mr. Jackson stated that he looked forward to working with all Board members and was pleased to be given the opportunity to serve.

E. **Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2009 Meeting and May 8, 2009 Special Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2009 Board Meeting and the May 8, 2009 Special Board Meeting.

F. **Report of Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Dr. Gallot, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mr. Mosely, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to explore the possibility of entering into a cooperative agreement with LA Ash, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval to explore the possibility of entering into a cooperative agreement with LA Ash, Inc.

- F.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Raymond D. Strother at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Raymond D. Strother at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

- F.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of follow-up actions related to the implementation of the Board of Regents Low Completers Program Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana System's request for approval of follow-up actions as recommended by the Board of Regents in conjunction with the Low Completers Program Review.

G. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Dr. Gallot, Vice Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the contractual agreement between Teresa Weatherspoon, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2014.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the contractual agreement between Head Women's Basketball Coach Teresa Weatherspoon, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2014.*

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to establish a Coach/Staff Financial Incentive for Academic Success.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request to establish a Coach/Staff financial Incentive for Academic Success.*

- G.3. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period of April 14, 2009 through June 15, 2009.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

H. Report of Audit Committee

Mr. Hamer, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Hamer, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- H.1. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' Fiscal Year 2009-10 Internal Audit Plans.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana System Universities' Fiscal Year 2009-10 Internal Audit Plans.*

- H.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2008 in accordance with provision of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana System's request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2008 in accordance with provision of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).*

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period April 14, 2009 through June 15, 2009.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

I. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Mosely, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Mosely, seconded by Ms. Lapeyrolerie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish two structures located at the corner of College Street and Arizona Avenue in Ruston.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish two structures located at the corner of College Street and Arizona Avenue in Ruston.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.*

***AND FURTHER,** that Louisiana Tech University will provide the System office with copies of all executed final documents for Board file.*

- I.2. McNeese State University's request for approval and authorization to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SWLA Alliance Foundation, Inc., Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, and the City of Lake Charles involving the development, construction and operation of the Southwestern Louisiana Entrepreneurial and Economic Development Center (SEED).

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval and authorization to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with SWLA Alliance Foundation, Inc., Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, and the City of Lake Charles involving the development, construction and operation of the Southwestern Louisiana Entrepreneurial and Economic Development Center (SEED).*

- I.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to lease approximately 7,700 square feet of specialized kitchen and dining space at the Ramada Inn in Thibodaux to be utilized for instructional purposes by the John Folse Culinary Institute (JFCI).

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request for approval to lease approximately 7,700 square feet of specialized kitchen and dining space at the Ramada Inn in Thibodaux to be utilized for instructional purposes by the John Folse Culinary Institute (JFCI).*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Nicholls State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from Agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Nicholls State University is hereby designated and authorized to sign any and all documents related to the Lease Agreement.

AND FURTHER, that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- I.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of a second amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement and the form and execution of a second amendment to Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase to amend the original leases executed between the Board and the NSU Facilities Corporation in conjunction with its Series 2007 Housing Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of a second amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement and the form and execution of a second amendment to Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase to amend the original leases executed between the Board and the NSU Facilities Corporation in conjunction with its Series 2007 Housing Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Louisiana System and/or the President of Nicholls State University are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreements.

AND FURTHER, that Nicholls State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- I.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to amend the FY 2009-10 Capital Outlay Budget Request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request to amend the FY 2009-10 Capital Outlay Budget Request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff be authorized to make minor technical adjustments to the request.

J. Report of Finance Committee

Mr. Parker, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to amend its agenda to add one item of other business.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- J.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to enter into a ten- (10) year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with ARAMARK EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LLC.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request to enter into a ten- (10) year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with ARAMARK EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LLC.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Grambling State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Grambling State University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.*

***AND FURTHER,** that Grambling State University will provide the System Office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- J.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to enter into a five- (5) year lease agreement for the University's Bookstore operations and facilities with Barnes and Noble, College Booksellers.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request to enter into a five- (5) year lease agreement for the University's Bookstore operations and facilities with Barnes and Noble, College Booksellers.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Grambling State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Grambling State University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.*

***AND FURTHER,** that Grambling State University will provide the System Office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- J.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a fifteen- (15) year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with ARAMARK EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to proceed with negotiations for a lease agreement for food service operations and to also develop all applicable documents for submittal to the Board for final approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and share secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

AND FURTHER, that Louisiana Tech University will provide the System Office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- J.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to amend the food service lease agreement with Compass Group USA, Inc., "Chartwells."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval to amend the food service lease agreement with Compass Group USA, Inc., "Chartwells."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of McNeese State University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

AND FURTHER, that McNeese State University will provide the System Office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- J.5. McNeese State University's request to designate the previously approved Bonds issued on behalf of McNeese State University, in amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the renovation and expansion of the Athletic Field House, as Bank Qualified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request to designate the previously approved Bonds issued on behalf of McNeese State University, in amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the renovation and expansion of the Athletic Field House, as Bank Qualified.

- J.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement for the University's food service operations with SODEXO Dining Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to enter into a fifteen- (15) year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with SODEXO MANAGEMENT, INC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

AND FURTHER, that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will provide the System Office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- J.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to include a self-assessed student support fee on the upcoming SGA ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to include a self-assessed student support fee on the upcoming SGA ballot.

- J.8. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' Identity Theft Prevention Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' Identity Theft Prevention Programs.

- J.9. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to increase nonresident fees at University of Louisiana System institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana System's request to increase nonresident fees at University of Louisiana System institutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESERVED, that each campus shall present the President of the University of Louisiana System a plan that complies with R.S. 17:3351(b)(i).

Other Business

- J.10. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to grant authority to University of Louisiana System institutions to increase appropriate graduate and MBA fees in accordance with the provisions of HB 872 of the 2009 regular session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana System's request for approval to grant authority to University of Louisiana System institutions to increase appropriate graduate and MBA fees in accordance with the provisions of HB 872 of the 2009 regular session.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this authorization shall be contingent upon HB 782 becoming an official Act of the Legislature.*

K. Report of Legislation Committee

Mr. Long, Chair of the Legislation Committee, gave the Committee Report.

K.1. Update on the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature

Mr. Long stated that the 2009 Session of the Louisiana Legislature ended on Thursday, June 25, 2009. Mr. Aucoin commended all legislators who worked for the good of higher education this Session.

Ms. Jodi Mauroner, System Associate Vice President for Policy and Strategic Planning, updated the Board by describing various bills related to higher education. Mr. Long complimented Ms. Mauroner on continuing to keep Board members well-informed during the Session.

This was a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

L. Report of Personnel Committee

Mr. Aucoin, Chair of the Personnel Committee, gave the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Dr. Gallot, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

L.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Carl N. Wright as Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2009.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Grambling State University to appoint Dr. Carl N. Wright as Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2009.*

L.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Lisa Abney as Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs effective August 17, 2009.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request to appoint Dr. Lisa Abney as Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs effective August 17, 2009.*

L.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Karen Fontenot as Interim Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences effective July 1, 2009.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request to*

appoint Dr. Karen Fontenot as Interim Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences effective July 1, 2009.

- L.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Bill Neal as Interim Dean of Education and Human Development effective July 1, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request to appoint Dr. Bill Neal as Interim Dean of Education and Human Development effective July 1, 2009.

- L.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Barbara Moffett as Interim Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences effective July 1, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request to appoint Dr. Barbara Moffett as Interim Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences effective July 1, 2009.

- L.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. DeWayne Bowie as Vice President for Enrollment Management effective July 1, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to appoint Dr. DeWayne Bowie as Vice President for Enrollment Management effective July 1, 2009.

M. **Report of Special Committee on Access and Success**

Chair Parker gave the report of the Committee.

M.1. Grambling State University

Chair Parker stated that Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Dixon had presented a powerpoint describing the University's initiatives to advance recruitment, retention, and graduation rates among its students. No Board action is required.

Mr. Parker indicated that University of Louisiana at Monroe will present a report at the next meeting of the Special Committee and Board.

N. **System President's Business**

N.1. Personnel Actions

Dr. Randy Moffett, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions and staff recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

N.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Randy Webb, President of Northwestern State University, on behalf of Northwestern State University, expressed appreciation to Mr. Ralph Perlman by presenting him the *Nth Degree Award*. Dr. Webb commended Mr. Perlman for his longevity of service to the state and for his contributions to the overall welfare of citizens.
- Dr. Caprice Ieyoub, in her role as Advisor to the Student Advisory Council, introduced and/or recognized this year's recently elected SGA members:

Steven Jackson, Grambling State University
Allison Reynolds, Louisiana Tech University
Tim Rye, McNeese State University (unable to be present)
Ryan Donegan, Nicholls State University (unable to be present)
Kayla Wingfield, Northwestern State University
Molly Fenton, Southeastern Louisiana University (unable to be present)
Dustin Domangue, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Hannah Livingston, University of Louisiana at Monroe

On behalf of the Student Advisory Council, Mr. Steven Jackson presented a letter of appreciation to Dr. Moffett for his leadership and commitment to the students of the state.

- Dr. Moffett thanked Board members, Presidents, and System staff, particularly Ms. Jodi Mauroner, for their hard work during the recent legislative session. He noted that the Tucker Commission for Postsecondary Education will be appointed pursuant to legislation that was passed. The Commission will be charged with reviewing Louisiana's delivery of higher education and providing recommendations to the Legislature prior to next year's Session.
- Dr. Moffett thanked Dr. Beatrice Baldwin, Dr. Edwin Litolff, Ms. Jackie Tisdell, and campus Presidents for their work on the eight Economic and Community Impact Studies. This information will be shared with the Tucker Commission as it begins its work.
- Dr. Moffett announced that an orientation retreat for Board members will be held August 20-21, 2009 in Marksville, Louisiana.
- Dr. Moffett mentioned that he will be traveling to San Diego, California from July 18-21 to participate in AASCU's (American Association of State Colleges and Universities) Summer Council of Presidents, which will be focused on "Uncharted Waters," dealing with challenges in the current economic and social climates.
- Dr. Moffett announced that the System will hold its annual conference on service learning on August 10, 2009, in Baton Rouge.

O. **Board Chair's Report**

- Chair Burkhalter congratulated Dr. Moffett on the completion of his first year as President of the University of Louisiana System and thanked him for his dedication to higher education.
- Several Board members commented on the actions of the administration and legislature during the recently completed legislative session. Some expressed frustration with the level of budget cuts to higher education and urged members to continue to communicate their budget concerns with the Governor and legislators.

P. **Other Business**

The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday and Friday, August 27-28, in Baton Rouge.

Q. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.